of pilot in the Indian Air Force, the combat units are being manned almost 100% by making some internal adjustments.

Sustained publicity efforts are on to attract talented youth to the IAF. Schools and Colleges are visited regularly to generate interest. A website is also operative on the internet to provide career information.

Blast at Indian Consulate in Iran

526. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Consulate in Zahidan province of Iran was ripped apart in an blast on 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the extent of loss of lives and property suffered in the blast;

(c) whether an enquiry has been held by the Iranian authorities to know the culprits behind this blast; and

(d) if so, the details of the enquiry report and the steps taken to ensure safety of Consulate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) There was a blast outside Indian Consulate in Zahidan on 14th June, 2001.

(b) There was no injury or loss of life. Window panes of the Consulate building were broken and the boundary wall developed some craters on account of the blast.

(c) Yes, the Iranian Authorities are enquiring into the matter.

(d) The enquiry is yet to be completed. The Iranian authorities have stepped up security around Indian diplomatic premises in Iran. In the Indian Consulate in Zahidan, electronic and physical measures for the security of the Consulate have been augmented.

Negotiation for Chinese Occupied Territory in Ladakh

527. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's latest view point with regard to Chinese occupied Indian territory in Ladakh of Jammu and Kashmir.